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TRANSITION TOWNS

Saving Energy at Home and in the Community

Come along to Gecko's spring guest speaker evening on Wednesday 26 September and find out about Transition Towns – a world-wide movement towards local sustainability.

Transition Towns encourage energy saving at home and in the local community. A buzzing local group known as *Transition Community, Southern Gold Coast*, has already been formed in the Palm Beach/Currumbin area which continues to foster energy savings goals and strengthen community spirit.

Earlier this year the group showed a series of sustainability films and a local art exhibition Groundswell to support local creativity.

This September we welcome Jill Berry, Gold Coast City Council Climate Change Planning Officer, for an inspiring and informative evening canvassing what it means to 'transition' and just exactly 'how' we might go about doing this.

We are honoured to host Ms Berry to speak on Transition Towns. Jill has worked five years in the local government climate change sector and also holds an Undergraduate degree in Town Planning and a Masters in Green Cities.

Jill has a strong background in sustainability having worked globally on urban agriculture projects in Cuba, Waste resourcing Nicaragua, and cultural preservation tool development in Mexico.

The issues of sustainable living and energy saving can sometimes seem so huge! Here is your chance to come along, join like minded people and find out about some things which are already happening locally in your community and some of the simple changes you can make at home right now to make a difference.

It's time to get inspired, get informed and make a change with the spring winds! See you on Wednesday September 26 at Gecko House, BYO questions.

Join us Wednesday 26 September, upstairs at Gecko House, 139 Duringan St, Currumbin for drinks and snacks from 6:30pm, then Jill's presentation from 7 to 8.

Gecko presents a free guest speaker night on the 4th Wednesday of each month on topical environmental issues. For catering purposes and to prevent waste, RSVP by 3pm on the day before the event to speakers@gecko.org.au or call 5534 1412. For more information, visit <http://gecko.org.au/guest-speaker>

A gold coin donation is requested per glass of wine and nibbles. Alternatively, Gecko encourages the contribution of vegetarian/organic/environmentally-thoughtful food options at all of its events.

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